High Commission of India in Islamabad has issued 7056 visas in September, 6442 in October and 7375 in November this year. These numbers are higher than visas issued before the Mission size had been reduced, following the December 13, 2001 attack on Indian Parliament. There is, however, still a backlog in grant of visas due to the high demand from people in Pakistan wanting to visit India.

Corruption free governance

*337. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any short term or long term plan that are both pragmatic and actionable to usher the country into an era of corruption free governance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The Government is fully alive to the need to eradicate corruption and effectively implement its policy of 'Zero Tolerance' to corruption. To achieve this goal, the Government had adopted short term and long-term measures. The Government has devised Annual Action Plan to monitor anti-corruption and vigilance activities of various Ministries/Departments. Annual Action Plan has three main features *i.e.* preventive vigilance, surveillance and detection and punitive deterrent action. As regards long-term strategy, the Government endeavors to bring more transparency into the system by various Administrative and Legislative measures.

(c) Does not arise.

Disputes referred by Uttaranchal Government regarding allotment of employees

*338. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Uttaranchal has referred certain disputed issues to the Central Government for decision with regard to matter of allotment of employees after the formation of the state; and